

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/603,009

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 6/21/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 5-10, 15-20, which were renumbered as 1-13, respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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NHON DIEP
PRIMARY EXAMINER

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present application relates to processing digital video generally and, more particularly, to a real time scene change detection in video sequences. The prior art of record does not anticipate or render obviousness an apparatus configured to process a digital video signal comprising: an input circuit configured to present a digital video signal comprising a plurality of frames; a processing circuit configured to detect scene changes in said digital video signal by analyzing (i) a current one of said plurality of frames and (ii) two or more other frames; and an encoder circuit configured to generate an encoded signal in response to said digital video signal and said scene changes, wherein (a) said two or more other frames comprise (i) a first window of frames that are processed before said current frame and (ii) a second window of frames that are processed after said current frame and (b) (i) said first window comprises a first fixed number of frames that are processed before said current frame, (ii) said second window comprises a second fixed number of frames that are processed after said current frame and (iii) said processing circuit detects said scene changes by analyzing changes between said first window and said second window as specified in claim 1 and a method for processing video, comprising the steps of: (A) receiving a video signal comprising a plurality of frames, wherein said video signal is generated in response to (i) 5 a stored signal, (ii) a captured signal, or (iii) a decoded signal; (B) (a) generating one or more transition signals in response to (i) a current one of said frames, (ii) one or more frames that are processed before said current frame and (iii) one or more frames that are processed after said

current frame, (b) generating field measures in response to said plurality of frames and (c) calculating a second order derivative of a first transition from a first scene to a second scene; (C) generating an encoded signal in response to (i) said video signal and (ii) said transition signals; and (D) recording said encoded signal as specified in claim 10.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nhon T. Diep whose telephone number is 571-272-7328. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mehrdad Dastouri can be reached on 571-272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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